

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 6-8 and 17-19.

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for creating a personalized home page with an independent Universal Resource Locator on a web site comprising:

presenting a entry page to ~~the~~ a user for user entry of ~~desired~~ content into an entry in an online database;

receiving said ~~entry of desired~~ content from said user;

creating a unique Transaction ID corresponding to said entry;

associating said Transaction ID with said content and said entry;

~~associating a user account on said web site with said home page, said account including said desired content and an associated user ID and password; and~~

creating a personalized home page including said desired content; ~~and~~

assigning an independent Universal Resource Locator to said personalized home page, said Universal Resource Locator including said Transaction ID; and

wherein said user interacts creates said personalized homepage using a web browser.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said content includes user-defined categories of information.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, further including non-textual information ~~associated with said categories.~~

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said non-textual information includes graphics.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said content includes user-defined keywords.

6-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~account~~ personalized homepage further includes personalized information.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~7~~9, where said personalized information includes a URL to the user's homepage.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including the act of password-protecting said account.

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for creating a personalized home page with an independent Universal Resource Locator on a web site comprising:

a web site configured to host a home page and:

present a entry page to ~~the~~ a user for user entry of ~~desired~~ desired content into an entry in an online database;

receive said ~~entry of desired~~ content from said user;

create a unique Transaction ID corresponding to said entry;

associate said Transaction ID with said content and said entry;

~~associate a user account on said web site with said home page, said account including said desired content and an associated user ID and password; and~~

create a personalized home page including said desired content; and

assigning an independent Universal Resource Locator to said personalized home page, said Universal Resource Locator including said Transaction ID; and

wherein said user interacts creates said personalized homepage using a web browser.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein said content includes user-defined categories of information.

14. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 13, further including non-textual information ~~associated with said categories.~~

15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said non-textual information includes graphics.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein said content includes user-defined keywords.

17-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein said ~~account~~ personalized homepage further includes personalized information.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20, where said personalized information includes a URL to the user's homepage.

22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, further including the act of password-protecting said account.